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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A golf tee device comprising a tee member removably supported in a holder member, wherein the tee member is movable in a continuous manner in a substantially vertical direction relative to the holder member, and wherein there is provided means to prevent movement between the tee member and the holder member on striking of a golf ball supported by the tee member.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A device according to claim 1, wherein the means to prevent movement prevents axial movement of the tee member relative to the holder member.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the tee member is supported by means of threading provided along at least a part of the length of the exterior of the tee member and ~~for~~ at least a part of the length of the interior of the holder member.

Claim 4 (previously presented): A device according to claim 3, wherein the threading is buttressed in form.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A device according to claim 4, wherein the buttress threading has a first surface at an acute angle to the axis of the tee and a second surface substantially perpendicular to the axis.

Claim 6 (previously presented): A device according to claim 5, wherein the first surface of the buttress threading is at an angle of 30° to 60° to the axis of the tee.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A device according to claim 6, wherein the first angle is substantially 45°.

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Claim 8 (currently amended): A device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, comprising means to prevent full insertion of the tee member into the holder member.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the tee member is longer than the holder member.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A device according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, comprising means for indicating when the tee member is at its maximum workable height.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A device according to claim 10, wherein the means for indicating when the tee member is at its maximum workable height comprises the topmost part of the threading of the tee member.